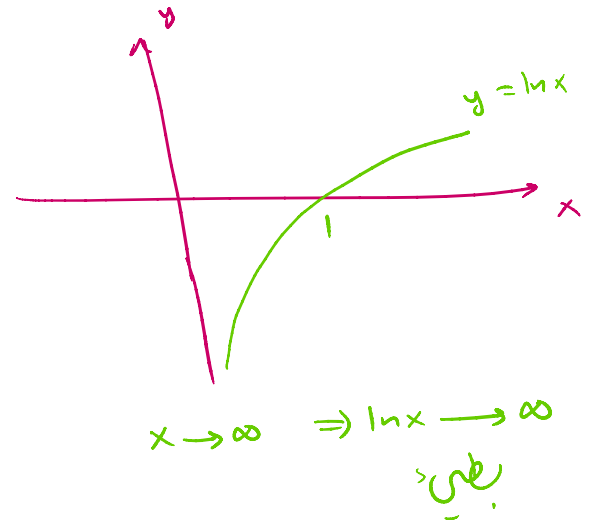
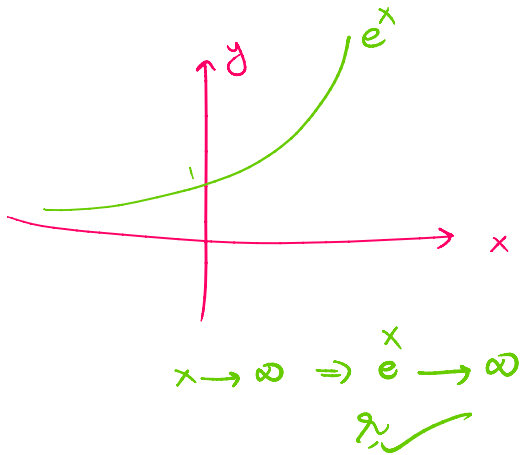


## Relative Rates of Growth



$f(x)$ ,  $g(x)$  positive for large  $x$  and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$$

① If  $L = \infty$  ✓ then  $f$  grows faster than  $g$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

then  $g$  grows slower than  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

② If  $L = 0$  then  $g$  grows faster than  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

then  $f$  = slower -  $g$  =  $x \rightarrow \infty$

③ If  $0 < L < \infty$  then  $f$  and  $g$  grow at same rate as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

*Diagram: A number line with points  $0$ ,  $\frac{1}{\ln 2}$ ,  $1$ , and  $\infty$ . Arrows indicate the interval  $(\frac{1}{\ln 2}, \infty)$ .*

Exp which faster as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

①  $4^x, e^x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^x}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{4}{e} \right)^x$$

$$e \approx 2.718$$

$$= \infty$$

$$-1 < a < 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a^x = 0$$



$$b > 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} b^x = \infty$$

or  $4^x$  grows faster than  $e^x$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$   
 $e^x$  is slower than  $4^x$

②  $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x, e^x$

$$\frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$

$$e \approx 2.718$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3}{2e} \right)^x = 0$$

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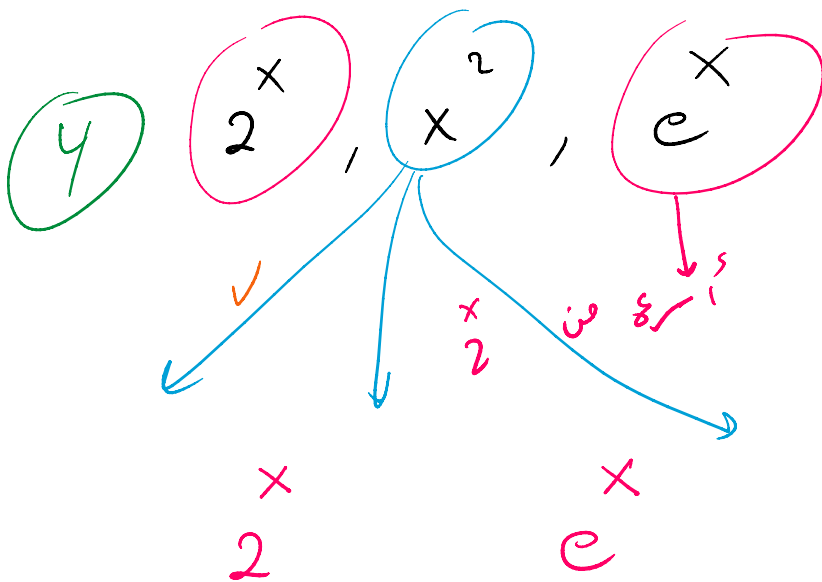
$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x$  grows slower than  $e^x$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

or  $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x$  grows slower than  $e^x$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$   
 $e^x$  is faster  $= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x$

(3)  $\log_2^x$ ,  $\ln x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_2^x}{\ln x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln x}{\ln 2}}{\ln x} = \frac{1}{\ln 2}$$

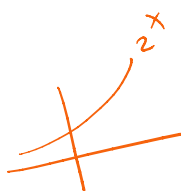
$\Rightarrow \log_2^x$ ,  $\ln x$  grow at same rate as  $x \rightarrow \infty$



$$\begin{matrix} x \\ 2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} x \\ 2.2718 \end{matrix}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^x \ln 2}{2x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^x (\ln 2)^2}{2} = \infty$$



$2^x$  grows faster than  $x^2$

$x^2$ ,  $2^x$ ,  $e^x$

